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Union Men Can Help This Veteran By Patronizing His Little Store

This story is being given for publication by Teamsters and Warehousemen's Union Local 890 because the necessity arises



to complete the job that was promised and never done for Arthur W. McBride, a blind veteran of World War II.

Several months ago when McBride returned after serving for several years on foreign soil he was accorded the ovation of a returning hero. Several thousands of dollars were collected by the citizens of Salinas for the purpose of building a home for Arthur W. McBride and his family. In addition to that, McBride was started in business in the county court house and was promised support by many, many people.

He not only sells magazines, cigars, tobacco and candy but also operates a film developing studio.

It has been brought to the attention of our union that patronage has fallen off. Arthur W. McBride is married and has a baby son and lives at 9 Winham Street, Salinas. He wants to maintain himself and family and be independent of any charity; his responsibility to his family is just as great as any one else in the community.

In order that he may continue to earn a decent living for his family and himself it is going to fall upon all of us in the community to patronize his shop, which is on the first floor of the county court house building on West Alisal Street.

His brother, Marvin McBride, a member of our union is employed at the Growers Ice and Development Company.

Arthur McBride is not looking for sympathy, but the community pledged themselves to patronize his place of business and the only real visible means of support for him and his family must come from the sales of tobacco, candies, magazines and the developing of films. So it would be most appreciated by our union if our members would tell their friends to patronize this place, which is the responsibility of Salinas.

We may add that Arthur McBride or his family did not solicit our assistance.

Work Continues Good in Salinas For Painters

Employment for union painters of Painters' Union 1104 of Salinas is continuing heavily with more jobs in sight and all members working, reports Business Agent Carl Lara of the union.

Bids for a project at the Salinas airport, where hangars and other buildings are to be painted, have been called.

A new owner at the Valley Neon Sign Co. has signed the agreement with Local 1104.

President Frank Davis of Painters 1104 of Salinas has been in San Francisco for the past few days taking a course in handling and applying a new material to be used in luminous paint for signs on the highways.

NEED LABORERS AT MONTEREY

A shortage of construction and general laborers is reported in the Monterey area by Business Agent S. M. Thomas of Laborers Union 690.

Thomas said jobs in the lumber mills, in the construction field, and elsewhere are begging for men. Interested parties should contact Thomas at the Building Trades Hall, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

Deer in S.F.

John W. Deer, business representative for Laundry Workers and Cleaners and Dyers unions in Salinas, was called to San Francisco last Friday on important union business, nature of which was not announced.

HEAD OF NLRB EXPLAINS HOW HE'LL CRACK "SLAVE WHIP"

WASHINGTON—Shaking up his staff to streamline operation under the Taft-Hartley law, NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham announced his office would be divided into four major divisions.

The operations division, he said, "will be in charge of all field operations and will provide a single channel between the 21 regional offices, the seven sub-regional offices, and Washington headquarters." Charles M. Brooks, who handled the 1946 NLRB elections at Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic energy plants, will head operations.

Joseph C. Wells, who came to the NLRB in 1944, will head the standards and policies division, which "will analyze cases for determination of the propriety of issuing unfair labor practice complaints." This division, expected in labor circles to concern itself largely with employers' complaints under the new law, will also handle policy matters, according to Denham.

Special injunction cases and all court appearances will be in the hands of the legal division, headed by David Findling, a lawyer with the board for eight years. Under him will be A. Norman Somers, formerly head of the NLRB enforcement division, who will specialize "in the field of injunctions," Denham said.

Performing the usual jobs necessary to running the NLRB with its 600 employees will be the administrative division, with no director selected yet.

Three changes in regional directors announced by Denham include Jack G. Evans, who goes to the Cincinnati office; Henry Shore moving into Pittsburgh and Charles K. Hackler taking over in St. Louis.

Daily Paper Says Taft-Hartley Act Step to Fascism

YORK—At least one American newspaper publisher agrees with labor that the Taft-Hartley law is the first step to fascism.

He is J. W. Gitt, editor and publisher of the York Gazette & Daily, who signed a pre-August 22 deadline agreement with the American Newspaper Guild extending the union shop for a full year and guaranteeing that any alleged contract violations will be settled without management's filing damage suits against the union.

In a joint statement, Gitt and Pres. Homer Luttringer of ANG Local 16 said the new agreement was made "in the face of the outlandish and restrictive provisions of the Taft-Hartley law with the aim of continuing uninterrupted the sound and productive labor relations that have been in effect."

"Both the publisher and the guild feel that the new law is aimed at crippling and weakening labor unions and that any such weakening and probable destruction may well be the first step to an American-style fascism."

The Gazette & Daily, outstanding liberal paper, is a Federated Press subscriber.

Green's Demand for Removal of Slugger Ignored by Hartley

WASHINGTON—Chairman Fred Hartley (R., N.J.) of the House Labor Committee, maintained his silence about AFL President William Green's demand that Attorney Irving G. McCann be fired as a subcommittee counsel.

Green had demanded McCann's ouster immediately after McCann had struck AFL General Counsel Joseph Padway August 19 at a subcommittee hearing in Hollywood. Since Green's call for the dismissal, Rep. Carroll Kearns (R., Pa.), subcommittee head, has said he "hopes the incident will be forgotten."

Hartley, who was not a witness to the assault, ducked newsmen's questions about firing McCann, claiming he wanted "to get all the facts from disinterested spectators."

Come Again?

"Henry," the little woman reminded, "it's high time you had your picture taken again."

"I'd do it, dear, except for one thing," Henry replied.

"And what is that?" asked the little woman.

"The fact," explained Henry wearily, "that whenever I have my picture taken, it looks like I was having my picture taken."

Backers of 3rd Party Launching Signature Drive

LOS ANGELES—The Henry A. Wallace for President boom entered a new phase as more than 600 enthusiastic delegates voted to launch their drive for the 500,000 signatures needed to put a third party on California's next election ballot.

Convened here by the Joint Trade Union Committee for a Third Party, the delegates came from CIO, AFL, and rail unions and from other groups such as the Progressive Citizens of America, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Negro Congress and farm organizations. They filled every seat and practically every available inch of standing room in the hall.

The new party was named the Independent Progressive Party of California. Its chief organizer is President Hugh Bryson of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, who was elected temporary chairman of a statewide committee to promote the party.

Officials of AFL unions and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) will serve with him on the steering committee.

Because their organizations have not yet gone on record for a third party, many of those present represented only themselves. Others, notably from such unions as the CIO Marine Cooks, the Utility Workers, United Office and Professional Workers and the National Maritime Union, came as official delegates of groups that have already come out for a third party.

AIMED AT POLITICIANS
"The formation of a new party," said the organizing committee's statement, "will put an end to the Democratic politicians' idea that progressives have nowhere else to go."

Pointing out that the Democratic vote dropped from 23 million in 1944 to 15 million in 1946 while the Republican vote remained at 19 million, the statement said that only a progressive candidate could draw the majority of these key eight million voters back to the polls.

Concerning the effect of a third party on Wallace's chances to win the Democratic presidential nomination, the statement said that "third party machinery on the ballot in key states will be the strongest weapon to force politicians and the city machine bosses to listen to the popular demand for Wallace."

Auto Union Asks Taft-Hartley Act To Crimp Bosses

MILWAUKEE—The United Auto Workers (AFL) wants a Taft-Hartley law for employers.

President Lester Washburn said his union would demand new legislation to parallel conditions forced on unions by the slave-labor law. These, he said, should include:

Affidavits from corporation officials and other management representatives that they do not have Nazi or fascist leanings.

Financial reports from all management personnel making over \$5,000 a year.

A ban on "the featherbedding practices of industry," such as creating false shortages by keeping goods from markets or raising prices through distribution controls.

Stricter enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act "with a bill to back up its provisions to the utmost if necessary."

Readers Digest Gets Rich Smearing Unions

WASHINGTON—Peddling anti-labor poison mixed with stories and jokes in small, easy-to-read packages was good business for Readers Digest during its last fiscal year. According to the Treasury Dept., the magazine rewarded its top men handsomely. DeWitt Wallace getting \$99,500 in salary, and Kenneth W. Payne and Albert L. Cole drawing down \$84,500 each.

An optimist is a man who marries his secretary, thinking he'll continue to dictate to her.

LABOR PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL KIDDIES AT SALINAS; CENTRAL COUNCIL IS SPONSOR

The Central Labor Council at Salinas will stage a Christmas Party for all youngsters next December in the Salinas Armory. The affair already being arranged with co-operation of all unions, Council Secretary Peter A. Andrade announces.

All of the work in planning the party will be donated along with sufficient funds from unions to purchase Christmas gifts, candy and other favors for the kiddies, to provide the Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, music and entertainment during the party.

Between 3000 and 4000 youngsters are expected to attend the party, the estimate based on attendance at similar parties given several years ago by Laborers Union 272.

A wrestling match has been arranged for October 18 at the Armory and a boxing match for October 16, all proceeds of both affairs to go to the Christmas Party Fund, Andrade said. Tickets for both events will be on sale shortly.

All unions are urged to purchase large blocks of the wrestling and boxing tickets to assist the party financially.

Committee members arranging the party include Randolph Fenchel, chairman, member of Laborers 272; E. L. Courtright, of Butchers 506; Amos Scofield, of Carpenters 925; Carl Lara, council president and member of Painters 1044; J. F. Mattos, of Laborers 272, and Andrade.

The committee will be augmented as necessary, it was reported. All youngsters in the Salinas area will be invited to the Yule party, date of which will be announced shortly.

FOGS HAMPER FISHING TRY

Heavy fogs offshore last weekend reportedly hampered the sardine fishing fleet after a good catch earlier last week, union officials report.

About 1,000 tons of good quality sardines were dumped into hoppers Thursday, along with some albacore and mackerel. This catch served to provide employment for most members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, according to Secretary Roy Humbrecht.

On Friday, the catch was mainly of albacore, with fogs preventing the sighting of sardine schools, it was reported.

Union Temos Get Price Cut On Gasoline

Arrangements have been made by Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890 with the Firestone Super Service, Monterey and San Luis Sts., Salinas, whereby all union teamsters will be given a cut of two cents per gallon on gasoline purchases upon showing a paid-up union book.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Local 890, said this station is operated fully union. He added that union members should patronize only those businesses which display a union card.

Laborers Busy On New Work

Members of Laborers 272 of Salinas are being kept busy with the new building and sewer projects in the area, reports Business Agent J. B. McGinley of the union.

Pouring of concrete on the new Sears Roebuck store building in the South Main St. development is due to start this week.

Stoite, Inc. has been awarded the contract for new sewer systems on Iverson St. and Market St. in Salinas, McGinley added. Both jobs will use a good number of union laborers.

Czech Village Pays Honor to Cong. Sabath

WASHINGTON—Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D. Ill.), dean of the House with 41 years continuous service and a long-standing friend of labor, was recently awarded honorary citizenship in his native village of Zabori, Czechoslovakia.

Sabath's office released an account of the ceremony honoring Sabath held August 3 in Zabori upon unanimous resolution of the village National Committee, representing public authorities, corporations and public life. It cited Sabath as "a brave fighter for the ideals of democracy."

SALINAS CLC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM SET

Program for legislative activity has been decided by the Legislative Committee of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas and all local unions are urged to co-operate, reports Council Secretary Peter A. Andrade.

This program follows:
(1) All Local Unions are instructed to have some capable person, preferably a Business Agent or Secretary, to be deputized as registrar, and that their addresses and phone numbers be made available to the Council for publicity purposes.

(2) Register all eligible voters, regardless of labor affiliations
(3) Program showing labor candidates for '48.

(4) Educate the people in preparedness for the coming election.

(5) Raise the necessary funds to conduct a strong purposeful campaign.
(6) (And most important) Organize a workable plan that will cover every corner of our district in order to get the people to the polls on election day.

The Legislative Committee meets at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 7 p.m. each Friday. Members are John Deer, chairman; Peter A. Andrade, secretary; Randolph Fenchel, E. L. Courtright, and J. Baldwin.

Offices of the labor council and the Legislative Committee are now located at the Teamsters Union headquarters, Main and John Sts., Salinas, and are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Telephone 7787).

Miss Bernice Redlin, council office secretary, is a deputy registrar of voters. Frances Dougwell, another office secretary in this location, also is a deputy registrar. Plans are being made for field work to contact packing houses, sheds, canneries, and other establishments to register prospective voters for the coming elections, Andrade added.

Salinas Offers More Courses For Apprentices

The Salinas Evening School is planning for an expansion in its apprentice training and on-the-job training classes this year as well as in its courses of general interest. Over 100 veterans took advantage of the evening school courses under the G. I. bill of rights last year.

All classes for trades and industries are benefitted by the work of joint apprenticeship committees made up of representatives of labor and management who outline the related subjects to be taught. Courses for journeymen are organized upon request.

Wives of union men find many courses of interest to them as homemakers and citizens.

Registration continues next week and actual instruction starts Wednesday, September 10. The courses are free.

MATHIESEN, CLERKS B. A., TRANSFERRED

Russell Mathiesen, secretary and business representative of Retail Clerks Union in Salinas, has been transferred by the Clerk's International Union to Washington, D.C.

He and Mrs. Mathiesen were expected to leave this week for the new location. Mrs. Mathiesen has many relatives and friends in this area, it was reported.

Walter Lister, assistant business agent of the union, is expected to handle secretarial and representative's duties for the time being.

Mathiesen came to Salinas about two years ago with another international representative of the Clerks Union, James Thompson, to found the local union, which has shown great progress.

Office Union Files Affidavits



The Office Employees Intl. Union (AFL) became the first organization to file the so-called "anti-communist" affidavit with the NLRB. Each international officer affirmed that he was not a member of the Communist Party or any organizations in sympathy with its aims. OEIU Pres. Paul R. Hutchings (left) hands over the affidavits to NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham. (Federated Pictures)

ALL LABOR URGED TO SUPPORT \$1 ASSESSMENT FOR LICKING SLAVE ACT, SENATE CHANGES

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor adopted two resolutions referred to it by the Federation's 45th Annual Convention dealing with the setting up of a campaign for the contemplated initiative measure to reapportion the State Senate, and with the carrying out of a statewide political campaign to defeat those legislators, both in the federal and state governments, who opposed labor, and to support those who have been friendly to labor.

A letter is now being sent to all affiliates of the Federation requesting that they cooperate in this matter. Each of the resolutions provides for the contribution of \$1 per member, to be raised in any manner most suitable to the local, either voluntarily or by assessment. It is also requested that the unions be asked to subscribe to a quota, commensurate with the size of their respective memberships, and that they guarantee this sum by the adoption of a resolution or in any other suitable form. Such funds being created will be accounted for through the regular and official audits of the Federation.

FULL SUPPORT URGED

We cannot stress too strongly at this time the need for the membership of the A. F. of L. in the state of California to support these two campaigns with all their might. The Federation, by convention action in 1946 and 1947, has been mandated to initiate the campaign to reapportion the State Senate. The membership has long been aware of the serious obstacles we have faced in Sacramento during sessions of the state legislature because of the reactionary character of the Senate. Representation of millions of citizens in California has been denied; a community of 10,000 receives the same representation as a community of three million.

It is our hope that once the urban population in the State Senate in proportion to its numbers, we will have overcome one of the main difficulties which we have always encountered in trying to enact progressive legislation of benefit to labor. It will also eliminate a source from which vicious anti-labor legislation emanates.

IMPORTANT FIGHT

The Federation cannot afford to lose this fight. We must start immediately to organize our own forces and it is extremely urgent that the funds for this campaign be raised at once. We are depending upon you for your support.

In regards to the second resolution, the membership is well aware of what we are facing in the 1948 elections, insofar as Congress is concerned.

If it is not repealed, the Taft-Hartley bill will destroy the labor movement. And it can be expunged from the federal statutes only if we succeed in defeating those congressmen who fought for this repugnant piece of class legislation. This will require a special and concentrated effort on our part, in addition to our efforts to reapportion the State Senate.

In order that these campaigns may be conducted successfully, it is necessary that each and every trade union organization in the state of California make its contribution.

Per capita expense for education in 10 southern states is \$78 for white children as against only \$41 for Negro children.

UNION CONTRACT RULES IN CASE OF LABOR SUIT, COURT DECIDES

SAN DIEGO—The written labor union contract, rather than any oral agreement made with the employer when a worker is hired, governs the employee's right to sue his boss.

This ruling was handed down here by the Fourth District Appellate Court, which reversed a decision of the San Diego County Superior Court.

The lower court had sustained a defense demurrer to a suit in which the State Department of Industrial Relations sought to recover more than \$4,000 which eight AFL building tradesmen claimed was due them under the terms of a contract between V. R. Dennis and the San Diego County Superior Trades Council.

Superior Judge Joe Shell decided the claim was outlived, since it was filed more than two years after the period of employment at issue. He ruled that the two-year statute of limitations applicable to oral agreements governed in its merits.

But the Appellate Court, setting a precedent in its reversal, stated that the union contract under which the men were hired was the principal factor and that under California law on written agreements, the four-year statute of limitations applied. Since the suit was filed less than four years after the employment, the court ordered the case returned to the lower tribunal for hearing on its merits.

You Can't Keep Up With Jones

"The cost of trying to live in the style in which they have been accustomed is bringing a lot of people to the breaking point, financially," remarks U.S. News, David Lawrence's business publication.

U. S. News takes as an example a man with a wife and two dependents who made \$5,000 a year in 1941 and still is making \$5,000. Here's how U. S. News says he spends his money, if he keeps to the same living standards:

Taxes	1941	1947
Food	\$ 43	\$ 480
Shelter	1152	2050
Clothing	753	825
Medical Care	572	992
Medical Care	208	353
That meant, U. S. News goes on, that in 1941, he had \$3272 left to put into savings or spend on transportation, personal care, contributions, recreation, furnishings, tobacco, auto upkeep, etc.		
In 1947 he would have only \$300 left.		

Special Notice To Members of Warehousemen 890

Dear Member:

Due to many inquiries about our Group Life Insurance Plan, the following information is a brief outline which we ask you to be guided by:

As a dues paying member in good standing, you are covered automatically by the West Coast Life Insurance Company, through a contract with our Union for life, disability and death.

In the event of death from any cause whatsoever, your beneficiary receives one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

In the event of non-occupational accidental death, your beneficiary receives two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

In the event of loss of limb and/or sight, you are entitled to receive from five hundred (\$500.00) to one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars depending on the extent of the injury.

In the event you become permanently disabled and you are under the age of sixty at the time, your policy is automatically paid for life or until such a time as you are able to resume work.

In the event you are a seasonal worker, and you wish to maintain your insurance during the off season and you are on a withdrawal card, you may keep your policy for a period of six months upon payment of six dollars (\$6.00) paid in advance to cover the cost and administration of six months premium.

After the six months have elapsed, and you have no intention to return to work under the jurisdiction of our Union, your insurance will automatically be discontinued with the Union, or you may convert your policy to an individual policy with the West Coast Life Insurance Company. This can be done without the necessary medical examination which is required by anyone purchasing life insurance.

Any further information may be procured by contacting your Business Agent or by telephoning Salinas 4893.

ALBERT A. HARRIS,
PRESIDENT
PETER A. ANDRADE,
Secretary-Treasurer

Golf Tourney Calls for Union Culinary Help

Culinary Alliance & Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey is supplying some additional union bartenders, waiters and cooks to Pebble Beach for the PGA golf tournament under way there.

Business Agent George L. Rice of Local 483 reported that he had been asked to send 14 bartenders, four waiters and two cooks to assist during the tournament.

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GIGGLES AND GROANS

TAKING NO CHANCES

A couple came to St. Louis from the Ozark Mountains to be married, and brought along the best man. They were informed by the marriage license clerk that blood tests are necessary under Missouri law. They were sent to a doctor, who proceeded to take samples of blood from the prospective bride and groom.

The best man asked: "Ain't you gonna test my blood, too?"
The doctor replied: "No. You're not getting married; are you?"
The best man said: "No, but I'm gonna board with 'em."

REASONABLE ENOUGH

A shopper tried to get his horse on an elevator in a department store the other day. Naturally, the operator objected, but the horse owner insisted: "You must let him ride in the elevator."
The operator looked at the horse owner balefully. "Give me one good reason why."
"Because he gets so sick when he takes the escalator."

NATURAL INCLINATION

There's a fellow who's an artist, and he's always drawing and painting pictures of people with no clothes on. One day a friend asked him: "Why do you always paint and draw people in the nude?"
"Oh," he said, "I suppose it's because I was born that way."

THE MOBILE FISSURE

The family was having company for dinner. Julie, aged five, laid down her spoon, looked at her mother, and said: "Mommy, there's a hair in my soup."

"Hush, dear," implored the embarrassed mother, trying to cover the situation, "it's just a crack in your plate."

Julie picked up her spoon, stirred dubiously a few times. "Mommy," she insisted, "can a kwack move?"

THAT SETTLED THAT

A husband and wife couldn't speak to each other except in the sign language. One night when the husband came home rather late the wife let him have her raging anger, her fingers flying a mile a minute. Just as he raised his hands to answer her, she turned out the light.

SPARE THE KIDNEYS!

With a dead pan we reprint an item which appeared in Dorothy Kilgallen's columns in the Journal-American a short while ago: "Ethel Smith, the recent Mrs. Ralph Bellamy, is in for more real estate troubles. The tenants of the apartment she and Ralph sublet (the subsequently moved out) are trying to evict Ethel and her organs, but she won't go."

THE MODERN URBIN

Sammy Yates showed up in the eighth grade at Central School with a cigar box.

He opened it and passed out all-day suckers, explaining: "I'm a brother."

EDUCATIONAL HANDICAP

MOODY: "I quit school because I couldn't learn nothin'. The teacher was too fat."

ALLEN: "Too fat?"
MOODY: "Every time she turned around she wiped everything off the blackboard."

THE SEAT OF EMOTION

The little daughter was very inquisitive and asked quite a few questions. One day she asked: "Mama, how was I born and how did I grow up?"

Rather, startled for a moment, mama replied: "You know, darling, God planted a seed in mother's heart and from that seed you grew. So every time you are naughty, you give mother a pain in her heart."

She hesitated a moment and to mama's surprise said: "That isn't the place you give me a pain when I'm naughty."

JUST A CISSY

At a gathering of friends in London, the artist Whistler told one of his acquaintances that he was born in America.

"How unfortunate," remarked a young lady. "Why did you have to be born there?"
"I wanted to be near my mother," said Whistler.

INDISCREET UNDERWOOD

The girls at a restaurant table were discussing a shattered romance. "It's all a mystery to me," sighed the heroine of the story. "All I know is that one afternoon at the office I got to thinking about him, so I wrote him a long letter, saying just what I thought about stuff and things, and I never heard from him again."

Disgustedly, her girl friend told her: "So you had to go and open your big typewriter."

"Gracie, Tehachapi is a women's prison—and take it from me, that's where you're headed."

"Are you serious, George? Am I really going to jail?"
"You bet! When you commit a crime they send you up the river."

"But it was such a small crime. Couldn't they just send me up the creek?"

THE MARCH OF LABOR

YOUNGSTERS THROUGHOUT CANADA ARE PICKETING CANDY DEALERS WHO ARE CHARGING SEVEN AND EIGHT CENTS FOR FIVE-CENT CANDY BARS.



STATISTICS REVEAL WORKER WAGE BEHIND COST—LABOR NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RISE

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO.—Recent issues of the News Letter have contained articles on prices, wages and the decline in workers' savings. As each day goes by, additional evidence is made available in support of the contention that the workers have suffered a curtailment in their economic status as a consequence of our present inflationary spiral.

Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach discussed this situation in his Labor Day message, and indicated his belief that present price increases were not the result of wage increases. Schwellenbach said he resented the "inaccurate and unfair" attempts by those who succeeded in killing the Price Control law to "force the people to believe that labor unions exclusively are responsible for price increases."

FOOD PRICE SITUATION

He pointed out that the cost of manufactured goods has increased by 48 per cent in comparison with a 72 per cent jump in food costs.

Manufacturing industries, he said, are highly organized, but the growing and processing of food is not subject in any great degree to labor organization. Certainly, organized labor cannot be blamed for the increase in food prices. Part of the blame for the high prices, Schwellenbach emphasized, is due to the increase in profits during the first half of the year.

According to a report of the New York Stock Exchange, published in its magazine, "Exchange," net earnings of 402 companies listed on the Stock Exchange were 97.9 per cent more in the first six months of 1947 than in the same period in 1946.

The steel, iron and coke industry, which has led off in price increases and which has most frequently blamed these price rises on increased costs of operation, had a gain in net earnings of 155.3 per cent over last year.

Machinery and metal industries had a net income of 148.3 per cent.

NET WAGES LAG

The workers in these industries, on the other hand, while they have had wage increases, have by no means increased their incomes in proportion to the increase in the net profit of these industries.

All of these studies lead to one conclusion, which we have already emphasized, and which we must continue to emphasize and reemphasize, and that is that the real wages of American workers have been severely curtailed.

HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS (UA): Another story about the guardian angel who comes down to earth to get things straightened out for our hero. Some fairly funny situations, but definitely below average.

NIGHT UNTO NIGHT (WB): The new Swedish import, Viveca Lindfors, gets the worst possible kind of debut vehicle opposite Ronald Reagan. Avoid it.

DOWN TO EARTH (COL): Rita Hayworth is lovely, Larry Parks romantic and the Technicolor beautiful, but the story is generally boring and high-schoolish. Okay, if you can forget plot and characters and enjoy music and dancing.

BEST BETS (previously reviewed): Great Expectations, Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Crossfire, Black Narcissus, Best Years of Our Lives, Henry V.

Warrant for X, McDonald (Pocketbooks).

Mr. Bowling Buys a Newspaper (Mercury).

Five Sinister Characters, Chandler (Avon).

The Listening House, Seelye (Popular).

Easy to Kill, Christie (Pocketbooks).

The Agony Column, Biggers (Avon).

Halfway House, Queen (Pocketbooks).

Laura, Caspary (Mercury).

The Continental Op, Hammett (Mercury).

Verdict of Twelve, Postgate (Pocketbooks).

Phantom Lady, Irish (Pocketbooks).

The Rasp, McDonald (Penguin).

Inquest, Wilde (Mercury).

Tinsley's Bones, Wilde (Mercury).

Malfese Falcon, Hammett (Pocketbooks).

Black Plumes, Ailingham (Penguin).



By HAROLD J. SALEMSON

HOLLYWOOD.—Palestine is

coming in for a large share of

film coverage in the near future.

Meyer Levin and Herbert Kline, having brought back

from the Holy Land the feature

film, My Father's House, have

now acquired another scenario

called The Story of Ruth, to be

shot here, with backgrounds

made in the Near East if conditions permit . . .

Beyond that, Ben Hecht is reported trying to get a studio to

make an original of his on the Palestine situation: he is offering

them the story and script free, if they let him direct and produce.

. . . Also, Henry Blankfort and Lewis Allen have completed a play,

Red Sky at Morning, due for fall staging, and possible filming, if and when the studios decide Palestine

is not too hot a potato (and this may be one of Hollywood's answers

to the British film tax which has made it so angry) . . .

BLAMED FOR RED INK

The trade paper Daily Variety holds Hollywood progressives responsible for the unsatisfactory business the Hollywood Bowl has

done this season. Specifically, it says PCA kept people away from

the Bowl after the natural amphitheatre was refused a spot for

the Henry Wallace meeting. . . . Was Margaret Truman's concert

debut in the same Bowl a political countermove by anybody? . . .

What Gives Dept.: Adolphe Menjou, self-styled expert on Russia

and leading conservative, has just been made a Knight of the Legion

of Honor for his wartime relief work by the allegedly leftist French

government. . . . He also has a prize new role: that of the political

boss in State of the Union, with Spencer Tracy and Claudette Colbert,

directed by Frank Capra.

Remember? USO-Camps Shows, which entertained millions of GIs

during the war and since, ended its Hollywood operations this week

with departure of its final troupe for a 2-months tour of Alaska.

Looks like the war is over. . . . Wallace Beery is off to Europe

on his first trip in 10 years. He'll retrace the steps of his last voyage

to try to note the extent of change. . . . Judy Garland and Gene Kelly

will co-star in Irving Berlin's Easter Parade. . . . Anne Baxter

plays Clark Gable's wife in Homecoming in which her husband, John

Hodiak, also has an important part.

Appearing MacArthur? RKO has announced that its documentary

feature, assembled from confiscated Japanese film, will be released as

Design for Death rather than the original title of Hirohito's Children.

THE NEW FILMS

SONG OF LOVE (MGM): A beautiful story of the life of Robert

and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms, told in utmost good taste,

with a gorgeous score. Katherine Hepburn, Paul Henreid, Robert

Walker, Don's mile ft.

HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS (UA): Another story about the guardian

angel who comes down to earth to get things straightened out for our

hero. Some fairly funny situations, but definitely below average.

NIGHT UNTO NIGHT (WB): The new Swedish import, Viveca

Lindfors, gets the worst possible kind of debut vehicle opposite

Ronald Reagan. Avoid it.

DOWN TO EARTH (COL): Rita Hayworth is lovely, Larry Parks

romantic and the Technicolor beautiful, but the story is generally

boring and high-schoolish. Okay, if you can forget plot and characters

and enjoy music and dancing.

BEST BETS (previously reviewed): Great Expectations, Secret

Life of Walter Mitty, Crossfire, Black Narcissus, Best Years of Our

Lives, Henry V.

Warrant for X, McDonald (Pocketbooks).

Mr. Bowling Buys a Newspaper (Mercury).

Five Sinister Characters, Chandler (Avon).

The Listening House, Seelye (Popular).

Easy to Kill, Christie (Pocketbooks).

The Agony Column, Biggers (Avon).

Halfway House, Queen (Pocketbooks).

Laura, Caspary (Mercury).

The Continental Op, Hammett (Mercury).

Verdict of Twelve, Postgate (Pocketbooks).

Phantom Lady, Irish (Pocketbooks).

The Rasp, McDonald (Penguin).

Inquest, Wilde (Mercury).

Tinsley's Bones, Wilde (Mercury).

Malfese Falcon, Hammett (Pocketbooks).

Black Plumes, Ailingham (Penguin).

HOUSE BOOKLET ON 'FASCISM' SELLING FAST

By ALDEN TODD

WASHINGTON.—The office of the Superintendent of Documents at the Govt. Printing Office here says there is a real rush to buy the House document Fascism In Action, which rolled off the presses recently.

Out of every five calls, the office reports three of them are inquiries about this booklet. Sales of single copies and bulk orders are moving fast. At 40c a copy the book is doing pretty well.

Fascism in Action is a 200-page study and analysis of fascism in Europe, with some attention given to Japan. Covering the dead Hitler and Mussolini regimes and the still living Franco dictatorship in Spain, the book outlines what they were like, what they did to the people in those countries, and what made them tick.

STARTED BY PATMAN

The idea of such a study came from Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) last summer, who said he was alarmed at the growth of tendencies toward fascism here in the U. S. If the public is clearly shown exactly what fascism is, he argued, they will take the wind out of the sails of some of our native fascist-breeds. He asked the Library of Congress to draw up the book, which he intended to have distributed free as a House document.

A clique of congressmen who perhaps felt the fascist shoe pinching their own feet a little opposed printing the book, but were finally defeated when Patman stuck to his guns and insisted no good American had anything to fear from an objective study of what fascism had done abroad. He even consented to a few minor changes to get the story out.

GOOD UNION READING

All in all, Fascism in Action is a good book to have around the union hall for casual reading. It contains healthy truths which need to be repeated, not hushed. Only a year ago, when the top Nazis in Nuremberg were meeting their fate, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) said over the radio in a debate: "Now, when you speak of fascism I must say I don't know just what you mean by that term." Too many others have tried to kid us that there is no such animal as fascism, and never was.

"One of the most important changes fascism brings about is the abolition of free collective bargaining and of self-organizing labor organizations," the booklet says in its chapter on labor. "Labor policy under fascism first of all takes away from the worker all means of self-defense. It renders all militant labor action impossible."

THE NAZI TECHNIQUE

Quoting from the horse's mouth, that of Nazi labor front leader Robert Ley, it continues: "By way of compensation, extensive programs of labor education and re-orientation are established to lead the 'misguided' labor masses away from materialistic goals, such as higher wages and shorter hours, to spiritual and cultural appreciation of their status, their trusteeship, and the harmony of their interests with that of employers, the army and the state."

We think of the Taft-Hartley law's restrictions on labor's rights, we recall the tripe about the sacredness of production from the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, and this book seems to ring the gong.

Where did fascist movements get their money? "From the ranks of the owners, managers and bureaucracies of the business membership of international combines and cartels," Fascism in Action says. They were spearheaded, it continues, "by the elite—the upper hierarchy of landowners, industrialists, and financiers, the nobility, and the top-most echelons of army and navy."

RECRUIT MATERIAL

Who followed fascist movements abroad? The booklet lists "those with consuming hatred against labor, against Jews or other minorities; the timid that wanted to be sure to be on the winning side; the opportunistic and lawless elements;

they are good bills."

"Even if they were communistic, they are good bills."

Only three dissenting votes against the bills were cast by Republicans. Sharkey defended the measures as "good solid bills" and said requests had come from communities all over the U. S. for copies of the pioneering legislation. Answering real estate interests' charges that his bills were communistic, Sharkey shouted in reply:

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What About This British Pounds, Dollars Mix-up, Convertability?

During the last few months the press has been full of references to the "convertability of sterling" in connection with the British crisis and British-American talks about further aid. The following explanation from Irving F. Stone, writing in PM, will help you to understand:

"Before the war, the English pound was freely convertible into the American dollar. If Egypt sold cotton to Britain or Argentina sold England meat, they could freely obtain dollars for the English pounds given them in payment and use the dollars to buy goods in America.

"During the war Britain was forced to suspend this convertability. Those who sold goods to Britain had to take payment in pounds and since there was little they could buy in Britain with those pounds, huge so-called sterling balances accumulated in London, and continued to accumulate during the postwar period.

"A large portion of the assets of India, Argentina, Egypt, Sweden and many other countries was thus frozen in London, and could not be used in the postwar rush to buy goods in the only place where they could be bought in any quantity - the United States. These countries had to wait their turn to buy with pounds in Britain, or do without; this, in turn, severely limited American trading possibilities in the so-called 'sterling area.'

"When the British negotiated their loan here in 1945, they promised to unfreeze past sterling balances as rapidly as they could, and they also promised that one year after the loan was granted they would make all sterling payments on current accounts freely convertible into dollars. Sterling became freely convertible under the agreement on July 15 but Britain suspended convertability again a little more than a month after a heavy 'run' on London to exchange pounds for dollars."

Total cash dividends paid by U. S. corporations for the first quarter of 1947 were 21 percent higher than for the same period of 1946.

Certain scientists are working on a scheme to abolish sleep. The new baby has beaten them to it.

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Many new places where you may register will be announced soon. In the meantime, you may register at the union office or at the Carpenters office on North Main or at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, and the county clerk's office, third floor.

TO ALL MEMBERS IN THE SALINAS AREA:
We have recently negotiated a closed shop contract with Firestone Super Service Station at San Luis and Monterey Streets, Salinas. They employ only members of our organization; our international shop card is in full view at this station. Any of our members may purchase gas at this station for 2 cents less per gallon by showing a paid up dues book to the attendant.

We ask all our members to patronize this station—you may purchase oil, tires and lube jobs as well. Remember to ask the man who waits on you for his book. Look for the shop cards of our international displayed in the window; that will be your guarantee that the place is 100 percent union and that men serving your needs are receiving decent wages, hours and working conditions. REGISTER NOW!

Gentry Inc., Gilroy—A meeting was held with regards to our working agreement. The agreement has been in force since July, 1947. Wages range from \$1.15 minimum for women to \$1.50 per hour. All other conditions are identical with those in our cannery agreements.

POLITICS TODAY WILL DRIVE THE PHONES AWAY!

Notes Here and There—Bro. Fred Parades was taken home last week from the Salinas Valley Hospital where he was operated on for a serious ailment. Brother Parades is grateful for the contributions made in his behalf and he wishes to express his appreciation to all the fellows who helped out. His employer, the Salinas Valley Ice Company, also contributed generously to the fund. Anyone who cares may visit Fred at his home where he is convalescing.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER NOW

Insurance—All of the policies have been mailed out with a letter of explanation to seasonal workers how they may be able to maintain their insurance during the off-season. Any further information may be procured at the union office or by phoning 893, Salinas.

Remember only members in good standing are entitled to benefits from this union.

Canneries—Upon receipt of your dues stamps, buttons and your individual receipt will be mailed to your home address. In the event you leave your job and you wish to maintain your insurance, contact the union office. As a member of this union, you are entitled to receive the AFL Cannery Reporter and the International Teamster Magazine.

DO YOUR BIT FOR 1948 BY REGISTERING TO VOTE NOW

All Produce Drivers—The shop stewards in this industry should be commended for the diligent manner in which they fulfill their duties. We ask all drivers to continue supporting the stewards. Report anyone driving a truck who is not a member. Carry a copy of our working agreement with you at all times. See that all of the conditions contained in the agreement are lived up to.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED
Self-addressed envelopes can be procured at the union office to facilitate the mailing of dues.

Patronize union services and remember the Taft-Hartley law. Do not forget it—Register to vote and then vote in 1948.

The following veterans column can be augmented. All veteran members please donate reading material.

Russell Dennig, shop steward for Local 890 at the Union Ice Co., has resigned this position. We're sorry to lose Brother Dennig in this capacity. He will continue to be with Union Ice, working outside.

More than 13,000 veterans a day are receiving treatment and care in Veterans Administration hospitals and domiciliary homes in the VA Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii).

Under VA's new Department of Medicine and Surgery the finest doctors on the west coast are contributing their time and talents to treatment of veteran patients.

VA recently compiled the 10 questions veterans ask most frequently about hospitalization at government expense. The questions and answers follow:

Q: Just which veterans are entitled to hospitalization in a VA

hospital?

A: Veterans with service-connected disabilities have top priority for VA hospital care. Veterans with non-service-connected ailments may be hospitalized under the existing law if beds are available and if they say they cannot afford treatment elsewhere.

Q: How and where do I apply for hospitalization?

A: See your nearest VA contact representative or apply at a VA regional office or hospital. A letter addressed to the nearest VA office also will suffice. In an emergency, call the nearest VA office, collect. VA representatives will then handle the necessary application and other forms.

Q: Do I have to pay anything for VA hospitalization?

A: No, all charges are borne by the federal government.

Q: Can I go to a private hospital in my home town and have VA pay the bill?

A: Yes, if you have a service-connected disability and receive VA's approval first.

Q: What papers should I bring with me when I apply for hospitalization?

A: Bring your honorable discharge certificate or a certified copy. If you already have been granted compensation for a service-connected disability, all you need is your "C" number.

Q: Will VA pay for the medical care of my dependents?

A: No. Under existing laws, only veterans are eligible for VA hospital care.

Q: Do I have a choice as to which hospital I will go to?

A: Generally, a veteran is assigned to the hospital nearest his home. However, crowded conditions in certain hospitals, or the type of injury or disease suffered by the veteran and similar conditions might result in the veteran being assigned to a special center or hospital in another section of the country.

Q: Can my relatives visit me while I am in the hospital?

A: Yes. All VA hospitals have special hours set aside each day for visitors, the same as civilian hospitals.

Q: Will my disability compensation be taken away from me if I am hospitalized in a VA hospital?

A: If you are single, your compensation will be paid to you in full every month for the first six months; but if your treatment or care extends beyond six months, your monthly benefit payment may not exceed 50 percent of the regular rate, or \$30 per month, whichever is the greater. If the regular rate is \$30 or less, it will not be reduced. Upon discharge by VA, you will receive a lump sum equal to the amount that was withheld after the six-month period. If you have a dependent or dependents, your compensation payments will continue at the full rate for the entire period of your hospitalization.

Longshoremen Sue for Huge Back Pay Sum

NEW YORK.—Overtime suits for some 3,000 longshoremen were filed in federal court here in a move to win approximately \$5 million in back pay and damages from 60 stevedore shipping companies.

The suits were filed on behalf of the longshoremen as individuals by Atty. Max R. Simon, despite the opposition of Pres. Joseph P. Ryan of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL), of which the men are members. An additional 1,000 names were expected to be added to the list of claimants shortly.

The suits are based on the fact that ILA contracts during 1943, 1944, and 1945—the period of the claimed overtime—provided for straight pay of \$1.25 hourly between 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and on Saturday mornings. All other work was to be paid \$1.87½ an hour.

The longshoremen claim that this \$1.87½ an hour was the base pay for all except the stipulated hours of work, while the companies contend the \$1.87½ actually continues time-and-a-half.

Government attorneys actively opposed earlier suits based upon similar claims because the government, through the War Shipping Administration, will be responsible for a large portion of the cost in view of its many cost-plus contracts. A U.S. supreme court decision on the earlier suits is expected this fall.

Ryan is said to have opposed the suits because of the possibility the companies might demand a lower base pay if the longshoremen won their time-and-a-half claims.

YOUR JOB and the LAW

By JACK ABBOTT

Robert Denham, new general counsel of the NLRB, has warned the unions that 3,000 cases pending in NLRB regional offices, as well as some 600 cases awaiting decision in Washington, will be thrown out if the unions involved do not register and file affidavits within approximately 20 days after August 22.

Denham's hostility to the old Wagner act, and his close friendship for Gerald Rellly, former NLRB member and real author of the Taft-Hartley act, is well known. This ultimatum is probably their joint idea, since the new law does not set any time limit or procedure for pending cases. Purpose of the 20-day limit is probably to frighten non-complying unions with the threat that the few who have already agreed to use the NLRB will gain an advantage.

Union boycotting of the NLRB is one of Denham's biggest worries since if the board handles nothing but employer and company union work it will quickly lose its influence with labor.

So far as we know, Denham doesn't plan to penalize employers, whose flagrant violations of the Wagner act in the pending cases will now be forgiven and forgotten.

WALL OF SILENCE

The Taft-Hartley law sets six months as the time limit within which unfair labor practice charges must be filed. In the case of the Gibbs Corp., Jacksonville, Fla., involving the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America and the Intl. Assn. of Machinists and decided August 22, the NLRB made the following pertinent comment:

"This case exemplifies a familiar situation hampering the work of the board. . . . In our experience the difficulty is most characteristic of cases involving domination of a labor organization; it often occurs in cases of discrimination also. Where facts . . . have been well masked, a mere wall of silence effectively serves to frustrate diligent investigation of violations charged. Until this barrier is breached by someone who knows and provides suitable clues to the actual facts, productive investigation is not possible. . . . In this case, someone having personal knowledge of the facts finally spoke, and investigation developed corroboration from other sources. . . . The unfair labor practices in this case went back some five years.


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JURISDICTION STRIKES WILL END ON N. Y. PICTURE LOTS

NEW YORK.—Mayor William O'Dwyer (D), has produced a 5-year no-jurisdictional strike pledge from 12 AFL unions in an open bid to make New York the new movie capital of the world.

The pact, signed at the City Hall by union representatives amid the glare of newsreel floodlights, provides that any jurisdictional disputes arising among the unions between now and 1952 will be decided by an arbitrator named by the mayor. Beaming with delight, O'Dwyer congratulated the unions for their "sensible and patriotic decision."

Among the signers were local officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, disputants in a Hollywood jurisdictional battle that has led to a series of long walkouts in the west coast movie center.

As a further come-on to Hollywood producers, O'Dwyer appointed Edward C. Maguire, retiring chief of his division of labor relations, as coordinator for the industry. Maguire's job will be to help companies find studio facilities and break through archaic city regulations hampering movie development here. O'Dwyer promised the municipal government would do all it could to eliminate red-tape provisions.

Unions signing the no-strike agreement included the painters, carpenters, stage hands, motion picture operators, film editors, musicians, screen actors, teamsters, laboratory technicians and wardrobe attendants. Some 20,000 workers are involved.

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN FOR LABOR UNITY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Bro. of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers in ready to abandon its nearly 75-year independence and join a unified labor organization "if and when" the AFL and CIO merge.

A resolution, adopted by the brotherhood's convention in its sixth week, described this pledge as "the outstanding move taken toward establishing labor unity since the union movement was aroused by passage of the Taft-Hartley bill."

Pres. David B. Robertson said: "The decision ranks among the most progressive ever made by a convention of our brotherhood, coming as it does at a time when labor must rally to protect itself."

"The existing divisions in the house of labor," the resolution said, "have made it a victim of those anti-social forces which profit through the exploitation of the wage earner. New attacks, in which the forces of communism and fascism have added their blows to those of unbridled financiers and industrialists, are being made upon labor, and the conflict which now is resulting from this attack has created the fire in which the divided labor movement may be welded into one great organization."

The action followed by 70 days convention appointment of a committee to discuss a merger with the Bro. of Locomotive Engineers (unaffiliated).

Delegates, who had earlier re-elected Robertson to another 4-year term, also re-elected Asst. Pres. Carl J. Goff, Sec. Treas. W. E. Jones and seven vice presidents. Reversing a previous action, the convention urged creation of additional Railway Adjustment Boards.

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CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Possibility that construction of the new building for the Salinas Californian at its new site on West Alisal Street, across from the county courthouse, may be started soon was seen last week, according to Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas.

It is reported that plans are ready and contractors are being lined up for the construction. Material shortage has been the chief

cause of the delay in start of the new, larger quarters for the paper, Harter said.

Bids are to be opened on Wednesday of this week for construction of the overpass on the Sanborn Road extension across the Southern Pacific tracks.

Plans for the new rancho-type hotel in Monterey Park, on South Main St. in Salinas, have been augmented until the hotel is expected to be a million dollar project, it is reported. Construction is due shortly.

Plans for a new auto court and motel on Highway 101 north of Salinas are being prepared for the start of construction soon.

Erection of new homes in Monterey Park subdivision is believed due in the near future. Lots are selling fast. Improvements such as sewers, roads and sidewalks are nearly completed. Contractors are said to be dickering with property owners on home building.

COMMITTEE'S CO-OP PROBE SHOWS BIAS

WASHINGTON — The opening two days of hearings on cooperative by a subcommittee of the House small business committee showed that body will spend its energy trying to pin the sin of tax privilege on the entire co-op movement.

Chairman Walter C. Ploeser (R., Mo.), who seized control of the subcommittee "to get the hearings going," staged a phony investigation of Greenbelt Consumer Services, co-op organization at Greenbelt, Md., federally-owned housing development near Washington. To newsmen and Greenbelters it was clear he had made up his mind what he would find before his stogie witnesses took the stand.

Ploeser and his committee staff, with support from Rep. R. Walter Richman (R., N.Y.) insisted that co-ops enjoy "special privileges" under the tax laws. But Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) stoutly defending the co-ops, pointed out they have the same tax status as partnerships, and are not to be compared to corporations or to the giant monopolies that are the enemy of small private business and co-ops alike.

But when the hearing ended, Ploeser and Richman outvoted Patman and called on the Public Housing Administration which runs Greenbelt for the government to cancel its lease to GCS in the town. By the same voting strength it will probably "find" all the evidence it wants on co-ops in other parts of the country when it starts on the road.

To help the House ways and means committee frame appropriate tax legislation to put co-ops in the place Ploeser wants them, Reps. Robert A. Grant (R., Ind.) and Walter A. Lynch (D., N.Y.) from that body will sit in on the sessions. These are to be held in San Francisco, Sept. 18-19; Los Angeles, Sept. 22-23. Later the probe will move to Minneapolis, Kansas City, South Bend, Ind., and Columbus, O.

Cleveland Laborites Demand Election Day As Contract Holiday

CLEVELAND—Election day will supplant New Year's Day as a contract holiday if the Cleveland Federation of Labor has its way.

Figuring that failure of the workers to go to the polls would bring a bigger hangover than any nursed on the day after New Year's eve, the Federation passed a resolution which would make election day one of the six paid holidays in all present contracts.

The AFL body also urged a 30-day boycott of exorbitantly priced goods as a protest against the spiraling cost of living and listened to Jeff Davis, self-styled King of Hoboes and honorary member of 251 unions, do a skit in which Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) was called "that bum Taft, the son of the father of the labor injunction."

Lebanon Workers to Be Taft-Hartleyized

BEYRUTH. — The Taft-Hartley law influence appears to have reached Lebanon. A bill to dissolve all unions on the grounds that they restrict the rights of employers has been proposed by the minister of national economy. This announcement came immediately after four opposition newspapers were suspended by the government.

Congress Tieup With Banking Interests Told

NEW YORK—The very congressmen in charge of housing and rent control legislation are tied up with the banking and investment interests responsible for the housing shortage, the American Labor party disclosed here.

In a letter to the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing, ALP Executive Secretary Arthur Schutler asked for a probe of members of the Senate and House Banking and Currency Committee who are expected to formulate legislation to meet the housing needs of the people. He pointed out the following tieups:

BANKER BRIGADE
Senator Clayton Douglas Buck (R., Del.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on housing and rent control, is a member of the duPont family and chairman of the board of the Equitable Trust Co., Wilmington, Del.

In the House Banking and Currency Committee:

Rep. J. C. Kunkel (R., Pa.) is engaged in banking.

Rep. F. L. Sundstrom (R., N.J.) is a partner in the brokerage firm of Burton, Cluett & Dana in New York.

Rep. C. E. Kilburn (R., N.Y.) is president of the Peoples Trust Co., Malone, N.Y.

Rep. H. H. Buffett (R., Neb.) is engaged in the investment business.

Rep. C. K. Fletcher (R., Calif.) is president of the Home Federal Savings & Loan Association.

BANKS DOMINATE
"It is well known," Schutler said, "that the housing construction industry is dominated by bankers because both contractors and buyers have to get credit from banks for almost all operations."

"Bankers through credits have the financial control to oppose new and cheaper methods of housing construction, to maintain slums where they have profitable investments, to charge high interest rates, and to block all new housing which may compete with existing slums."

The Panhandler Again

A bum who had held out a battered hat on the corner for months is standing in his accustomed spot, begging, but he has a sign, "Business going on as usual during alterations," at which one of his regular customers asked him how come.

"Oh," says he, "I'm having my hat blocked."

ATTENTION!

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